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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 6.89 to Update a Cross-Reference to Exchange's Recently Revised Rule Regarding Obvious Errors

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on October 1, 2015, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 6.89 to update a cross-reference to Exchange's recently revised rule regarding Obvious Errors. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 6.89 (Erroneous Trades due to System Disruptions and Malfunctions) to update a cross-reference to Exchange's recently revised rule regarding Obvious Errors. Specifically, in coordination with other options exchanges, the Exchange recently revised Rule 6.87 (Nullification and Adjustment of Options Transactions including Obvious Errors) (the "O/E Rule") to harmonize substantial portions of the Rule with recently adopted, and proposed rules of other options Exchanges. In connection with that revision, the Exchange reorganized and re-numbered certain sections of the O/E Rule, but inadvertently failed to update a cross-reference to the O/E Rule that is contained in Rule 6.89. Specifically, Rule 6.89 incorrectly refers to guidelines contained in paragraphs (a)(3)(C)(A)(i)-(ii) of Rule 6.87, and should refer to paragraph (b) of Rule 6.87, in regards to the potential adjustment of "[e]lectronic or open outcry transactions arising out of a 'verifiable disruption or malfunction' in the use or operation of any Exchange dissemination, execution, or communication system."

This rule filing is intended to replace the incorrect reference to the O/E Rule with the correct, updated reference, which will clarify Exchange rules and alleviate any investor confusion. The proposed change will further harmonize the Exchange's rules with those of other

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See Securities Exchange Act Release 74921 (May 8, 2015), 80 FR 27747 (May 14, 2015)
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option exchanges that also reference paragraph (b) in their respective rules governing System Disruptions and Malfunctions.⁵ In addition, the proposed change would ensure that the Exchange would not be prevented from adjusting a trade in the event of a systems disruption, which would protect investors and the public interest.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, 6 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5), 7 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitation transactions in securities, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁸ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market by making cross-references contained in Rule 6.89 consistent with the updated O/E Rule text. In addition, the proposed change would ensure that the Exchange would not be prevented from adjusting a trade in the event of a systems disruption, which would protect investors and the public interest. The

See MKT Rule 975NY(l). See also Chicago Board Options Exchange Rule 6.25, Commentary .05.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. § 78f(b)(5).

Id.

See supra n. 4.

Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would provide transparency, internal consistency, and operational certainty and may reduce potential investor confusion. The Exchange believes additional transparency and clarity removes a potential impediment to, and would contribute to perfecting, the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, would protect investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that this proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change is not designed to address any competitive issue but rather to update cross references to the O/E Rule, thereby reducing confusion and making the Exchange's rules easier to understand and navigate. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹

The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange stated that waiver of the operative delay will permit the Exchange to correct outmoded references without delay, thereby promoting clarity in the Exchange rules and reducing potential investor confusion. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing. ¹²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2015-90 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2015-90. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer

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to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2015-90, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 13

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